

Bond Says He Will Help SANE's Political Efforts

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Civil rights leader Julian Bond backed up his criticism of the war in Vietnam yesterday by pledging to help SANE in its efforts to elect Congressmen opposed to war.

He was asked by delegates to the annual conference here of SANE (National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy), if he would give such assistance.

"I'll be glad to help and I know others in office who will help too," Bond declared. He said he saw a connection between the civil rights movement and movements against war. He added, however, that he doubted peace and civil rights groups could get together on a national level, because of the many "unfortunate" differences among individual groups.

Bond was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives but members refused to seat him because of his views on Vietnam and draft dodgers. He charged the refusal came because he is a Negro. However, a Federal Court on Friday ruled the refusal was not based on race.

Still pending is a final Federal Court decision on whether statements Bond made about Vietnam and the draft were sufficient cause to bar him from a seat in the Legislature.

He said yesterday that if the Federal Court rules against him, he will appeal to the Supreme Court.

In the meantime, he said, he will return to Atlanta Monday to qualify for special election on Feb. 23 to fill the seat "I was put out of."

If he wins, Bond noted, there will be no issue of seating since the Georgia Legislature will no longer be in session. But if he wins reelection in the regular elec-

tions in September, the issue "will come up again and again," he said, adding that he didn't think he would keep on running.

Bond said that when he last campaigned, the war in Vietnam was not an issue with his constituents. At that time, he said, he concentrated on neighborhood problems, jobs and slums.

But now many of his constituents feel more deeply than he does about the war in Vietnam, Bond told SANE delegates. He was elected in an underprivileged area where many youths are inducted and resent it, he said.

"What happened to me is a symbol of people losing their right to be represented and to be heard," he declared. "The people who elected me were told they had made a stupid, uninformed choice and that has irritated them."

Bond is in Washington to raise funds for the upcoming campaign and to appear on TV's Meet the Press today. He addressed SANE at an afternoon session at the Dodge Hotel.



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BERLINERS RALLY—Demonstrators protesting U.S. involvement in Vietnam parade on West Berlin's Kurfür-

stendam Friday after an explosive charge was set off in hallway of building where antiwar meeting was held.